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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR REQUESTS IV GRANT FOR HEAD
OF EGYPTIAN POLICE ACADEMY

1. AMBASSADOR GHORBAL HAS REQUESTED DEPARTMENT'S ASSIST-
ANCE IN ARRANGING IV PROGRAM FOR ABDEL KARIM DARWISH, HEAD
OF THE EGYPTIAN POLICE ACADEMY. ACCORDING TO GHORBAL,
DARWISH CANDIDACY HAS BEEN RAISED WITH EMBASSY IN THE PAST
AND GHORBAL HOPES FAVORABLE ACTION CAN BE TAKEN. GHORBAL'S
INTEREST IN THIS CASE STEMS FROM REQUEST FOR HELP FROM
DARWISH'S WIFE, MRS. LEILA TAKLA, MEMBER OF PEOPLE'S
ASSEMBLY, WHO IS CURRENTLY SERVING ON EGYPTIAN DELEGATION
TO UN THIRD COMMITTEE. MRS. TAKLA EXPECTS TO BE AT UN
THROUGH DECEMBER AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE TIMING OF IV PRO-
GRAM ARRANGED SO THAT SHE AND HER HUSBAND CAN BE TOGETHER
IN U.S.

2. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION POST MIGHT
HAVE REGARDING REPORTED DARWISH APPROACH TO EMBASSY FOR
IV GRANT SINCE CU HAS NO RECORD OF SUCH APPLICATION. IN
THIS CONNECTION, CU DOUBTS DARWISH CONNECTION WITH EGYPTIAN
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POLICE ACADEMY WOULD MAKE HIM SUITABLE CANDIDATE FOR CU

PROGRAMS.

3. SINCE WE WOULD LIKE TO BE RESPONSIVE, HOWEVER, AND ASSUMING THE INFORMATION CONVEYED TO US BY GHORBAL IS ACCURATE, DEPARTMENT IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER OFFERING DARWISH A TWO OR THREE WEEK VISIT TO U.S. WITH INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL COSTS AND PER DIEM IN THE U.S. PAID FOR FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL FUNDS. SUCH VISIT, OF COURSE, WOULD BE ORIENTED PRINCIPALLY TOWARD U.S. NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND THE PROGRAM WOULD BE PREPARED AND HANDLED BY THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION. TIME COULD ALSO BE ALLOCATED TO OTHER FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. HOWEVER, WE WOULD NEED SOLID ASSURANCE THAT: (A) DARWISH IS GENUINELY INTERESTED IN NARCOTICS ORIENTATION HERE; (B) WILL FOLLOW USG ARRANGED PROGRAM WHICH WOULD INVOLVE WASHINGTON AND OTHER POINTS ASIDE FROM NEW YORK; AND (C) THERE IS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE EXPERIENCE WOULD ENHANCE POSSIBILITIES FOR MEANINGFUL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE EGYPTIAN POLICE ACADEMY AND AMERICAN AGENCIES INTERESTED IN NARCOTICS CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT TRAINING. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S VIEWS.

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